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Seattle City Council
Planning, Land Use and Neighborhoods Committee
c/o Seattle City Clerk
600 Fourth Avenue, Floor 3
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RE: Seattle Children's; Response to Appeals Received

Dear Seattle City Council members:

I am writing this letter in opposition to the Children's Hospital Major Institution Master Plan (MIMP) Appeals filed by the Hawthorne Hills Community Council, the Seattle Community Council Federation, and the Laurelhurst Community Club. For the past two years, I served as the Chair of the Children's Hospital Major Institution Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). Please note that I am writing this letter as an individual and not on behalf of the CAC. I am a resident of the Bryant neighborhood, adjacent to the Laurelhurst neighborhood, and within a few blocks of Children's Hospital. In addition, my street is adjacent to the new boundary of Children's Hospital established through the proposed Hartman expansion.

It is true that the CAC requested that Children's representatives present the CAC with an alternative that would result in a smaller hospital as stated in the three appeals. However, Children's representatives repeatedly told the CAC that they could not submit a smaller alternative because the need for Children's hospital services dictates the size of the facilities as proposed. As a result, the CAC unanimously called for the project to be built in phases with detailed conditions that must be met to move from one phase to the next. Children's Hospital would be required to submit documentation to the Children's Standing Advisory Committee which will evaluate the Hospital's ability to satisfy each of the conditions before advancing to the next phase.

The concept of phasing accomplishes several goals: it allows for examination of the cumulative impacts of the expansion over the next twenty years, it allows the hospital to plan for the future, and it ensures that expansion will not be advanced unless conditions are met certifying need and allowing for mitigation of impacts.

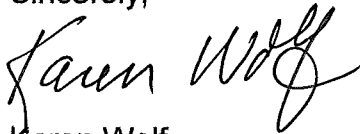
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Please pay particular attention to the phasing plan as negotiated by the CAC and as outlined in the MIMP.

I believe that the expansion of Seattle Children's, as proposed in the MIMP, will result in an institution that will be an asset to the surrounding neighborhoods and the city and region, as a whole.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Wolf", with a stylized, cursive script.

Karen Wolf

cc: Seattle Displacement Coalition/Interfaith Taskforce on Homelessness
Coalition of Major Institutions
Catherine Hennings
Steve Ross
Hawthorne Hills Community Council
Seattle Community Council Federation
Seattle Children's Hospital
City of Seattle, Department of Planning and Development
Laurelhurst Community Club
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I certify that, I sent copies of the following documents:

1. Certificate of Service; and
2. Personal letter to the Seattle City Council in response to appeals received regarding Seattle Children's proposed MIMP;

to the following parties by e-mail, at the e-mail address listed below for that party, on the 20th day of September 2009:

- Judy Barbour, City of Seattle Law Department
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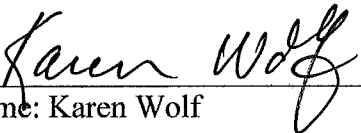
and to the following parties by first class mail, by depositing the copies in the U.S. mail by 5:00 p.m. on the 21st of September, 2009, with proper postage affixed, at the post office address listed below.

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- Hawthorne Hills Community Council
Bonnie Miller, Chair of Land Use Committee
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- Laurelhurst Community Club
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I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated this 20th day of September 2009, at Seattle, Washington.


Name: Karen Wolf